

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

PATRICIA T. SMITH, )  
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Plaintiff,           )  
                        )  
v.                     )       Case No.:  
                        )  
MICHAEL J. STADNYK, M.D., and   )  
SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER,   )  
                        )       JURY TRIAL DEMANDED  
Defendants.           )

**COMPLAINT FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE**

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Patricia T. Smith, by and through his attorney, Mark S. Johnson of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., and for her Complaint for Medical Malpractice against the Defendants, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., and Saint Francis Medical Center, states as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1332 because of diversity of citizenship of the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional limit of \$75,000.00.
2. Venue is placed in this District and Division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1331 because it is where the individual Defendant resides and where the corporate Defendant has its principal office and where a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiffs' claim occurred.

PARTIES

3. That the Plaintiff, Patricia T. Smith, is an individual citizen of the State of Illinois.

4. That the Defendant, Saint Francis Medical Center, is a non-profit corporation and is a citizen of the State of Missouri with its principal place of business in the State of Missouri.

5. That the Defendant, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., was at all times material to this Complaint, an employee or agent of the Defendant, Saint Francis Medical Center, and was acting within the scope of that agency at all times material to this Complaint engaging in the practice of radiology.

6. That on February 4, 2019 the Defendant, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., read and reviewed the Plaintiff's CT imaging at Saint Francis Medical Center.

7. That on February 4, 2019 Defendant, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., individually and as agent of Defendant, Saint Francis Medical Center, failed to exercise a degree of care, common skill and knowledge customarily employed by radiologists and was therefore professionally negligent in his failure to observe and note the Plaintiff had a fractured cervical spine at C2.

8. That as a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence of the Defendants, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., and Saint Francis Medical Center, the Plaintiff sustained severe and permanent injury and was and will be hindered and prevented from attending to her usual duties and affairs of life and has lost and will lose the value of the time as aforementioned and the

Plaintiff has expended large sums of money endeavoring to be cured and healed of those injuries and will in the future incur additional sums of money endeavoring to be cured of said injuries and the Plaintiff has also suffered and will continue to suffer great pain and anguish from said injuries.

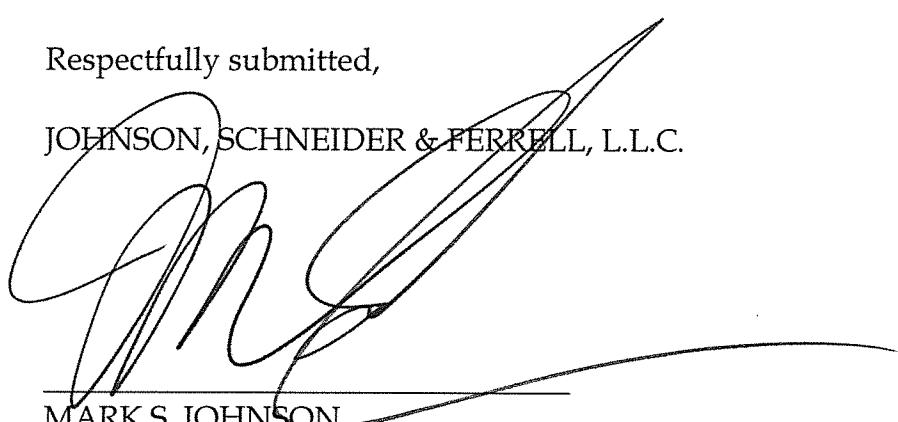
9. That an Affidavit pursuant to Section 538.22 RSMo has been filed contemporaneous with the filing of this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Patricia T. Smith, prays for judgment against the Defendants, Michael J. Stadnyk, M.D., and Saint Francis Medical Center, jointly and severally, for a sum in excess of \$75,000.00 and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper, including the recovery of Plaintiff's cost of suit.

PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY OF SIX (6) TO HEAR THIS MATTER.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHNSON, SCHNEIDER & FERRELL, L.L.C.



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